

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 31 of the First Extraordinary Session
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Brenda Williams on winning the Department of Health's "Gee, I Thought Nobody Noticed Award".

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is fortunate to have dedicated and imaginative employees who bring more than an uninspired attendance to their workplaces; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Health has put in place an award program to recognize the important contributions made by the outstanding performance and achievements of its exceptional employees; and

WHEREAS, Brenda York Williams is one such exceptional employee of the Fentress County Office of the Department of Health in Jamestown; and

WHEREAS, Brenda joined the Department in 1976, became Office Manager in 1981, and has consistently made significant contributions to the department and to her community; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Williams enjoys the love and support of her husband, John Williams, to whom she has been married since June 20, 1969; John Williams, daughter Marti and son-in-law Larry Conatser are all justly proud of their wife and mother; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Williams is aware that children are a significant portion of the constituency of the Department of Health, and that their early perceptions of the Department were colored by their experiences in receiving painful shots; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams determined to change that perception by organizing a tour of the Department by all 250 kindergarten students in Fentress County; in addition the tour was planned as something special for a kindergarten student recently diagnosed with brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, Brenda and others in the office plunged into a flurry of activity obtaining bunny stickers, free coupons to local restaurants, inflating helium balloons with the name and address of the special honoree student inside, and preparing banana splits; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Williams coordinated free transportation for all students, notified each of five schools, sent letters to teachers concerning the need for get-well cards for the kindergarten student honoree, cajoled local businesses into donating needed items, and got police cooperation in blocking streets; and

WHEREAS, the tour was a great success in the eyes of the excited five-year-old participants and will provide continuing benefits in the future through strengthening of favorable perceptions of the Department on the part of young students, parents and teachers; and

WHEREAS, teachers were particularly appreciative for the lesson on compassion and caring for others contained in the element of the tour relating to the get-well wishes for the young kindergartner diagnosed with a serious illness; and

WHEREAS, such imaginative projects and dedicated hard work to bring them to fruition should indeed not go unnoticed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we join with the Department of Health, the employees in the Fentress County Office, and the people of Fentress County in congratulating Brenda York Williams for a job well done and her well deserved winning of the 1998 "Gee, I Though Nobody Noticed Award".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our pride and appreciation for her outstanding dedication to her work and to her community, and offer our best wishes for every success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.